

Contamination Declining

Contamination rates are declining in communities that are focusing educational or enforcement resources to residents

- District of Columbia DPW 24% to 18%
- Rumpke/Fairfield 22 to 12%
- San Antonio 29% to 21%
- WM reports national contamination rate at their MRFs has declined from 24% to 18%
- Mass DEP Recycling IQ Kit reduced cart rejections in communities by 30 – 80%





Contamination

We still have work to do on contamination...

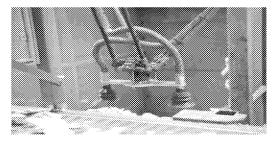
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MRF Improvements

Recycling Facilities Need to be Updated

- Upgrades to equipment
 - Optical sorters, robots, AI, ballistic separators
- More automation/fewer people
- More flexibility to adapt to changing material streams
- "MRF of the Future"
 - WM/Chicago
 - Republic/Plano
 - J.P. Mascaro/Pa





Chemical Recycling

Increased interest in plastic-to-fuel and polymer level recycling. A recent Closed Loop Fund report identified 60 chemical recycling solutions

- Dow/EnergyBag is most visible
- Marine Litter is major catalyst for investment by large companies





Increasingly Optimistic

- 1. U.S. & Chinese companies are investing in domestic processing capacity in the U.S.
 - 20+ plants coming on-line in late 2019-2021 (mostly paper)
 - 3.5M tonsOCC/mixed paper &1M tons pulp





Increasingly Optimistic

- 2. MRFs are making investments
- 3. Brands are setting new recycled content goals
- 4. Renewed focus on contamination at all levels -- contamination rates are declining
- 5. Increased cooperation and collaboration among recycling stakeholders
- 6. Chemical Recycling coming on-line